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SUBJECT: TURKISH DEMARCHE RE NATO INFORMATION SERVICE DIRECTOR JOB

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SUMMARY: TURKISH DELEGATION HAS INFORMED US THAT
TURKISH AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON WILL MAKE DEMARCHE
TO DEPARTMENT IN SUPPORT OF HIS COUNTRY'S CANDIDATE
FOR POST OF NATO INFORMATION SERVICE (NATIS) DIRECTOR.
WE WILL COMMENT ON THIS MATTER IN A SUBSEQUENT MES-
SAGE. END SUMMARY.

1. TURKISH POLAD YALIM ERALP HAS INFORMED US THAT
ANKARA HAS SUBMITTED HIS NAME AS THE TURKISH CANDI-
DATE TO SUCCEED CLAUS KOREN AS NATIS DIRECTOR.
ACCORDING TO ERALP, THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR IN
WASHINGTON WILL MAKE A DEMARCHE TO THE DEPARTMENT ON
THIS SUBJECT DURING THE CURRENT WEEK. IN SUPPORT OF
ERALP'S CANDIDACY, THE TURKS HERE POINT OUT
THAT, DUE TO ROTATION, TURKEY WILL LOSE FOUR OUT
OF THE PRESENT NINE A-LEVEL POSITIONS IT NOW HOLDS
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ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF. THUS, TURKS SAY, THEY
WILL BE "UNDERREPRESENTED" IN SENIOR IS JOBS AND
THEREFORE ATTACH CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO PLACING
THEIR CANDIDATE IN NATIS DIRECTOR SLOT. IN THIS
CONNECTION, THEY HAVE HINTED TO US THAT, IF THEIR
CONCERNS ARE NOT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, THEY MIGHT RE-
QUEST A RESTRUCTURING OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
SO AS TO BALANCE THE EXECUTIVE SECREARY JOB NOW
HELD BY GREEK NATIONAL GEORGE SEKERIS.

2. TURKISH CANDIDATE ERALP HAS SERVED FOR THREE YEARS AS TURKISH REP IN POLADS, WHERE HE HAS BEEN AN ABLE PERFORMER. HE HAS A DETAILED KNOWLEDGE OF NATO SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES AND IS FAVORABLY KNOWN BY A WIDE CIRCLE OF ALLIED REPS HERE. HIS MAIN DRAWBACK AS A CANDIDATE IS HIS LIMITED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN THE INFORMATION FIELD, THOUGH HE HAS SERVED AS PRESS SPOKESMAN (AMONG OTHER DUTIES) DURING TOURS AT THE TURKISH MISSIONS TO THE UN AND NATO. HE SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH, HAVING GRADUATED FROM A NEW YORK CITY HIGH SCHOOL, AND GOOD FRENCH. (FOR FULL BIO DATA, SEE END OF THIS MESSAGE.)

3. COMMENT: THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO ALERT DEPARTMENT ABOUT TURKISH DEMARCHE IN WASHINGTON, AND WE WILL COMMENT IN GREATER DETAIL ON THIS MATTER IN A SUBSEQUENT MESSAGE. END COMMENT.

4. BEGIN TEXT OF CURRICULUM VITAE:
BORN IN 1939 IN ISTANBUL
1958 GRADUATION FROM FOREST HILLS HIGH SCHOOL
NEW YORK CITY
1958-1962 FACULTY OF POLITICAL SCIENCES, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SECTION
1962-1963 CANDIDATE FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICE AT THE POLITICAL DIRECTORATE
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1963-1965 MILITARY SERVICE
1965-1966 SECOND SECRETARY AT THE POLITICAL DIRECTORATE
1966-1969 SECOND AND LATER FIRST SECRETARY AT THE TURKISH MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS DEALING WITH POLITICAL AFFAIRS AS WELL AS INFORMATION AND PRESS MATTERS
1969-1971 CONSUL AT THE TURKISH CONSULATE GENERAL IN KONOTINI, GREECE
1971-1973 CHIEF OF CABINET OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL
1973-1974 ATTENDED 43 RD COURSE OF NAT DEFENCE COLLEGE
1974- COUSSELLOR OF EMBASSY AT THE TURKISH DELEGATION,
REPRESENTATIVE ON THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE,
DEALING ALSO WITH PRESS MATTERS"
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